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NAIROBI FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJ: SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC AREAS AT OVERSEAS POSTS

REF: STATE 210312

1. SECURITY AT THE BLANTYRE CHANCERY, WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH FLOORS OF A COMMERCIAL OFFICE BUILDING, IS ADEQUATE TO PREVENT A CRANK OR DISTURBED PERSON FROM GAINING ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC AREAS. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT ADEQUATE TO PREVENT FORCIBLE ADMISSION BY A GROUP OF ARMED TERRORISTS. ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC AREAS LOCATED ON THE 4TH FLOOR COULD BE OBTAINED EITHER BY BREAKING THROUGH A WOODEN WALL OR FORCING THE RECEPTIONIST TO RELEASE THE ELECTRIC LOCK ON THE ENTRY DOOR. THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN REVIEWED WITH THE RSO AND BOTH THE POST AND THE RSO AGREE
THAT SINCE THE PROBABILITY OF AN ARMED TERRORIST ATTACK IN BLANTYRE IS LOW AND SINCE THE ENTIRE MISSION WILL BE MOVING TO NEW FACILITIES IN LILONGWE WITHIN SEVERAL MONTHS THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS TO FURTHER IMPROVE SECURITY ARE NOT WARRANTED.

2. REGIONAL AND TECHNICAL SECURITY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN PLANNING ALL STAGES OF THE LILONGWE CHANCERY,
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WHICH IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND SHOULD BE READY FOR

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OCCUPANCY BY MARCH 1976. ENTRY INTO PUBLIC AREAS CAN
BE PREVENTED IN THE NEW CHANCERY BY CLOSING A STEEL GATE IF
SOME WARNING IS GIVEN. SHOULD AN ARMED TERRORIST ENTER THE
PUBLIC AREAS, HOWEVER, BOTH THE RECEPTIONIST AND COMMERCIAL
ASSISTANT WOULD BE VULNERABLE. WE BELIEVE BOTH COULD BE
GIVEN A DEGREE OF PROTECTION BY THE INSTALLATION OF BULLET-PROOF
GLASS AT THE RECEPTION COUNTER AND THE INSTALLATION OF AN
ARMOR PLATED SECURITY DOOR AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COMMERCIAL
LIBRARY. WE WILL DISCUSS BOTH PROBLEMS WITH THE RSO DURING
HIS NEXT VISIT TO BLANTYRE.
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